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To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of McKinnis Inc., I am writing in support of the proposed apartment development project near the YMCA in Blair, Nebraska.

As a company that works throughout the region and continues to see economic growth across eastern Nebraska, we recognize firsthand the increasing demand for quality workforce housing. Communities that want to attract and retain businesses, employees, and long-term investment must also ensure there are attainable and modern housing options available for working individuals and families.

The proposed multi-phase apartment project represents a significant investment in Blair's future. Not only would it provide much-needed housing inventory, but it would also support the continued growth of local employers, strengthen the community's tax base, and enhance the overall attractiveness of Blair as a place to live and work.

Projects of this scale require substantial upfront investment, and in today's economic environment, tools such as Tax Increment Financing (TIF) and LB840 assistance are often essential to making developments financially viable. These incentive programs are designed specifically to encourage strategic growth that benefits the broader community, and this project clearly aligns with those objectives.

We also believe the potential partnership with the YMCA creates an additional community benefit by supporting local recreational amenities and encouraging a healthy, connected living environment for future residents.

Blair is at an important point in its growth trajectory. Supporting responsible housing development today will help ensure the community can continue to meet workforce demands and remain competitive for future economic opportunities.

McKinnis Inc. fully supports this project and encourages community leaders to consider the long-term positive impact it can have on Blair and Washington County.

Sincerely,

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